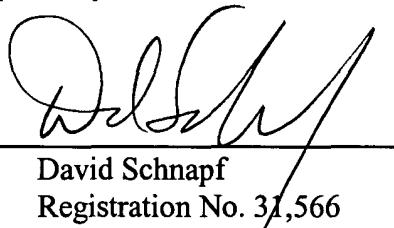


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed along with a new patent application which claims priority as a Divisional Application of U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/094,954 (the “parent application”). The parent application was originally filed with one claim. Thereafter, a preliminary amendment was filed adding claims 2 - 34. A restriction requirement was then imposed resulting in the withdrawal and cancellation of original claim 1 and claims 2 - 22 and 31 which had been added in the preliminary amendment. This application is directed to the claims that were withdrawn from the parent application. Thus, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1 – 23 are pending, with claim 1 corresponding to original claim 1, and claims 2 – 23 corresponding to the claims 2 – 22 and 31 of the parent application.

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